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SUBJECT: SPRING WAGE NEGOTIATIONS: SECOND ROUND

REF: TOKYO 6522

1. WITH PRIVATE RAILWAY MANAGEMENT AND UNION (SHITETSU SOREN) STILL SEVERAL THOUSAND YEN APART IN ANNUAL WAGE NEGOTIATIONS AND WITH NATIONAL RAILWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC CORPORATIONS REFUSING TO RAISE THEIR INITIAL EXTREMELY LOW OFFERS UNTIL PRIVATE RAILROADS SETTLE, THERE NOW ONLY VERY SLIGHT POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING ONE DAY WALKOUT BY SHITETSU SOREN ON ALL MAJOR PRIVATE RAIL LINES APRIL 23 AND NATIONWIDE STRIKE ON ALL RAIL LINES, INCLUDING COMMUTER TRAINS, AS WELL AS PARTIAL SHUTDOWN OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICES FOR 3-4 DAYS BEGINNING APRIL 25. SHITETSU SOREN THIS WEEK REFUSED MANAGEMENT'S INITIAL 6,700 YEN (\$30) OR 4.19 PERCENT AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGE BOOST, BUT HINTED THAT IT WOULD ACCEPT AVERAGE 11,500 YEN (\$52) INCREASE. A CONSIDERABLE SCALING DOWN OF ITS INITIAL 26,000 YEN (\$118) DEMAND. PRIVATE RAIL  
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COMPANIES SO FAR REFUSING TO MAKE SECOND OFFER. AT SAME TIME MAJOR PUBLIC CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING MAJOR RAILWAYS, POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS, REFUSING TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY THEIR INITIAL 6,150 YEN (\$27) OR 3.8 PERCENT OFFER.

2. PUBLIC CORPORATION WORKERS APPROACHING NEXT WEEK'S

STRIKE WITH LITTLE ENTHUSIASM BECAUSE OF ADVERSE REACTION  
IT WILL GENERATE IN COMMUTING PUBLIC, WHICH OFTEN VENTS  
ITS ANGER LATER ON AT POLLS BY VOTING AGAINST UNION  
BACKED SOCIALIST PARTY CANDIDATES. IN THIS VEIN, POSTAL  
WORKERS PRESIDENT ISHII TOLD LABATTACHE THIS WEEK THAT  
IF GOJ OFFERS PUBLIC CORPORATION WORKERS WAGE BOOST AT  
LEAST EQUAL TO LAST YEARS INCREASE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
(6.8 PERCENT), UNIONS WOULD QUICKLY CALL OFF STRIKE.  
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